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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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~~New Application~~

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1742

FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING REDUCED IRON
AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-8 and 14-22 without prejudice as follows.

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